## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001	) ) 03 MDL No. 1570 (GBD)(FM) )
THOMAS E. BURNETT, SR., et al.,  Plaintiffs,	) ) ) )
V.	) ) No. 03 CV 9849 (GBD)(FM)
AL BARAKA INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, et al.,	) )
Defendants.	) ) )

## **DECLARATION OF THOMAS NELSON**

- I, Thomas Nelson, Esquire, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:
- 1. I am an attorney who resides in Oregon and am currently a board member of the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, Inc. ("AHIF USA"). I submit this declaration in support of AHIF USA's response to the plaintiffs' motion to compel.
- 2. As a board member of AHIF USA, I had no involvement with the activities of the Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation (Saudi Arabia) ("Al Haramain Saudi Arabia").
- 3. In June 2004, the government of Saudi Arabia closed Al Haramain Saudi Arabia in response to pressure from the United States. Although I have made several trips to Saudi Arabia since 2004, and have made several requests for documents, I have been unable to obtain any documents relating to Al Haramain Saudi Arabia, other than a few documents that were

already in the possession of other individuals, who had retained personal copies.

Thomas Melson, Esquire

DATED: December 9, 2009